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President Obama addresses the U.N. General Assembly on Wednesday, urging a "new era of engagement." GETTY IMAGES

Forget Mr. Fix It

Don't wait for U.S. to solve world's problems, Obama tells U.N.

Associated Press

In a blunt challenge to his nation's critics, President Obama on Wednesday exhorted world leaders who once accused the U.S. of acting alone to now join with him in solving global crises rather than wait for America to do it on its own.

In his first address to the U.N. General Assembly, Obama sought to set a new tone in U.S. relations, moving away from the unilateralism of his predecessor, George W. Bush. He coupled conciliatory words about a "new era of engagement" with a summons for other nations to shoulder more of the burden.

"Those who used to chastise America for

acting alone in the world cannot now stand by and wait for America to solve the world's problems alone," Obama said.

"Now is the time for all of us to take our share of responsibility for a global response to global challenges."

Obama said past policies and a perception of unilateralism by the U.S. had fed "an almost reflexive anti-Americanism" that too often was used as an excuse for inaction.

"The time has come for the world to move in a new direction," Obama said before a U.N. chamber packed with more than 100 of his global counterparts.

The president offered a litany of policy

changes and actions his administration had undertaken during his first nine months in office, with the overarching message that the U.S. has no interest in a go-it-alone stance and instead wants to act as an equal partner with others on the world stage.

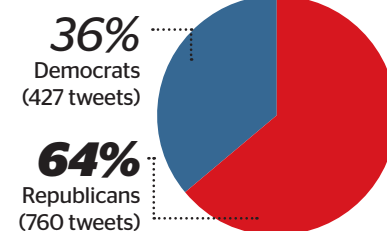
"In an era where our destiny is shared, power is no longer a zero-sum game," Obama said. "No world order that elevates one nation or group of people over another will succeed."

Obama received hearty applause upon entering, from even the likes of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, and his address was interrupted several times by polite applause.

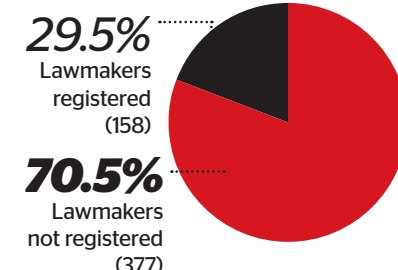
GOP a tweet machine

Republican lawmakers on Capitol Hill are more plugged in to Twitter than their Democratic counterparts, according to a report from the Congressional Research Service. The study, released this week, was based on a two-week collection period in July and August that resulted in a data pool of 1,187 tweets. REDEYE

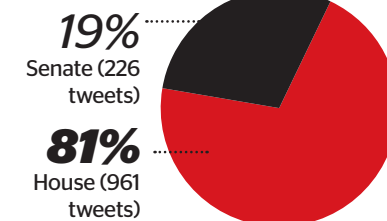
Who sends more tweets: Republicans or Democrats?



How many lawmakers were registered as of August?



Who sends more tweets: House or Senate?



Suburb threatens criminal action over tent at Trump estate

Associated Press

A suburban New York town is threatening criminal action if work continues at Donald Trump's estate, where the Libyan government pitched a tent that could be used by leader Moammar Gadhafi, the town's attorney said Wednesday.

Inspectors went to the property Wednesday in Bedford, about 40 miles north of Manhattan.

"If no activity has been undertaken, so far as either removing the tent or other equipment, or removing any individuals who may be residing in the tent, then we would then proceed to take

one of two types of enforcement actions," said attorney Joel Sachs, who represents the town.

He said a criminal summons could be served for violating town codes, or the town might "seek an injunction to have the tent taken down and individuals residing in the tent removed from the property."

Sachs said it was not immediately clear what entity would be the target of any legal action. On Tuesday, officials found workers constructing the tent but could not communicate with them because they didn't speak English. They

gave the stop work order to the property's caretaker.

The Trump Organization said Gadhafi would not be coming to the property and insisted that Trump has not rented property to him. But it said part of the estate "was leased on a short-term basis to Middle Eastern partners, who may or may not have a relationship to Mr. Gadhafi."

A call to Trump's office requesting further comment was not immediately returned on Wednesday.

The sprawling, flat-topped tent was not visible from the road Wednesday. Police closed off the area near the property's iron-gated entrance, flanked by a vast, well-tended field and a small but stately forest.

A State Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of diplomatic sensitivity and protocol concerns, told the AP the property was obtained for the duration of this week's U.N. General Assembly. The official said no one would be staying there overnight.

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Can't a guy just pee in peace?

I have a slight phobia, one that I never really discuss with anyone to great length but that I face several times a month.

I'm not referring to my irrational fear of zombies (although, scary!). I'm talking about my shy bladder.

It's not that I can't go at all in public restrooms, but I prefer to not have someone standing next to or near me when nature calls. I need to pee in peace.

I thought I was one of the few people who had this problem until I was in line at a party to use the restroom when the guy in front of me said half-jokingly "everyone needs to hum loudly so I can go." Then another guy joked that he would turn on the shower to create some distraction noise so the rest of us outside in the hall couldn't hear him.

As it turns out, having a shy bladder (clinical term: paruresis) is not that uncommon. Aside from the three other guys in line at the party, it is estimated that 25 percent of men and women have experienced shy bladder at one time or another in their lives according to urologyhealth.org.

Here is where the problem occurs for me: I get anxious when people are too close and waiting for me to finish. I worry that I am taking too long and that the guys behind me are getting annoyed—and then the pipes shut off. My options at that point are to wait it out and run the risk of being that creepy guy standing at the urinal for 15 minutes. Or relocate to a stall. Or just leave, which is bad because I still need to go.

It's the pressure and the "inability to perform" that makes me feel inadequate compared to all these other men, which only adds to the pressure. The main trouble spots are bars or movie theaters with no privacy divider between urinals. The 360-degree troughs at Wrigley Field just give me nightmares.

My worst experience happened recently at Hollywood Beach. The guy next to me in the restroom was either drunk or had no concept of personal space, because he was so close to me that our shoulders were touching. Too close! Add to this that there was now a line of men waiting to use the facility, which made me completely shut down. Pee fail.

Thankfully there are several local support groups to overcome this condition. I'm not sure that my mild condition necessitates me joining a group to pee next to another shy guy—although if I was next to someone else worse off than me, that just might be the confidence boost I need. **JASON STEELE IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

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O'Hare uh-oh

FAA issues warning over airport safety violations

Chicago Tribune

Federal inspectors found numerous violations at O'Hare that endanger airplanes at the most critical phases of flight—takeoffs and landings, officials said Wednesday.

The safety breaches, uncovered by the Federal Aviation Administration during routine inspections last month at O'Hare, range from debris on runways to excessive amounts of tall grasses and weeds that create hazards for planes by attracting birds and other wildlife.

A warning notice from the FAA to Chicago said the inspections show O'Hare is seriously out of compliance with federal aviation law. The notice, called a "letter of correction," also chastised the Chicago Department of Aviation for what the federal agency called a pattern of false statements in its self-inspection program.

"The daily self-inspection records do not reflect actual conditions in the field, violations have not been noted on the self-inspection records that are evident in the field," said the FAA letter, which was obtained by the Tribune.

Most of the violations already have been corrected, and the rest, involving the training of workers driving on the airfield and filing accurate self-inspection reports, will be resolved by the end of November, said Karen Pride, spokeswoman for the aviation department.

An object as small as a stone on a runway can pose a danger to flight by being ingested into aircraft jet turbines or piercing a fuel tank and sparking an explosion and fire. Yet FAA inspectors found rocks, garbage and wood survey stakes used during construction on runways and taxiways at O'Hare.

Collisions between aircraft and birds are a constant threat to safety at airports like O'Hare that are surrounded by woods and waterways.

The problems at O'Hare the FAA cited in its warning notice are considered major violations—not just housekeeping issues—because airfields are supposed to be sterile environments free of debris and other hazards that could interfere with flights.

Chicago Aviation Commissioner Rosemarie Andolino was out of town Wednesday and unavailable for comment, Pride said.

But Andolino and other city aviation officials are taking the FAA warning very seriously, Pride said.



Joe Washington and his wife Johnnie were found killed Tuesday night inside their Lawndale home. HEATHER CHARLES/TRIBUNE

COUPLE KILLED IN WEST SIDE HOME

Suspect in custody after standoff

Chicago Tribune

They were a father and son who lived, worked and fished together, two members of a close-knit family raised with "traditional Southern values."

But on Tuesday when Joe Washington refused his 53-year-old son's request for money—knowing he had already burned through several hundred dollars on his cocaine habit—he turned on him, police say.

The son, who has no criminal background, allegedly shot to death his 79-year-old father and mother, Johnnie, 77, in their West Side home, several police sources said. No charges were filed by Wednesday evening.

The son fled the home in the 2200 block of South Kildare Avenue and allegedly confessed to the double murder in a 911 call to a police dispatcher, the sources said. Hours later, he walked into the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center with a gun to his head and

again allegedly confessed to an employee that he had killed his parents, the sources said.

He barricaded himself in the hospital for seven hours before surrendering without a struggle to members of the Chicago Police Department's SWAT team at about 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Members of the Washington family confirmed their brother was in custody. They vowed they would not abandon him.

"I want it clear. He is not a monster," Rev. Mansa Kenyatta said as he fought back tears as he spoke of his brother. "He's still my brother and we still love him. Our mother wouldn't want us to disown him."

Kenyatta and his sister went to their parents' home Tuesday evening after they couldn't reach them, he said. They flagged a passing police car, and officers found the bodies inside, neighbors said.

Hours later, at about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, their brother walked into the emergency room of the West Side hospital. He went into a bathroom and fired one shot into the ceiling, a police source said. He then barricaded himself in an exam room and refused

to come out, declaring he would not go to prison, the source said.

Family members and neighbors said the son—who had served for a few years in the Marines decades ago—was scheduled to have an operation next month for arthritis in his legs. In a statement, Jesse Brown officials identified the man as a military veteran but refused to answer specific questions about him or the incident.

Police sources and neighbors said Joe Washington and his son worked together as handymen, painting and installing draperies. They had worked as recently as four days ago. The family—everyone except for Joe Washington—also had gathered Sunday at Kenyatta's South Side church to celebrate his 16th anniversary as a pastor.

Kenyatta said his brother called a cousin to tell them it was a "great celebration." He also spoke to a sister on Monday, sounding relaxed.

"We're close. Our parents were strict. When the street lights came on, we had to be inside," Kenyatta said. "We were raised with traditional Southern values."

Daley discusses CTA board resignations

Mayor Daley said Wednesday he didn't ask the top two CTA board members to resign and doesn't think the transportation agency will suffer from a lack of experience. The mayor was reacting to Tuesday's resignations by CTA Board Chairman Carole Brown and Vice Chairman Susan Leonis. The departures left holes at an agency overseen by CTA President Richard Rodriguez, who has been on the job since January after moving over from the Aviation Department.

Oprah's going to Copenhagen

Oprah Winfrey will travel to Copenhagen to help pitch Chicago for the 2016 Summer Olympics, the city's bid committee announced Wednesday. "We are very honored and excited to have Oprah Winfrey travel to Copenhagen," said Patrick Ryan, chairman and CEO of Chicago 2016. She will be a part of the official delegation, which is expected to be led by First Lady Michelle Obama.

Gay rights rally in Chicago

Chicagoans unable to make it to Washington, D.C., for the National Equality March can take part in a solidarity rally at Daley Plaza that same day, organizers announced Wednesday. LGBT Change, a local grassroots initiative, is organizing the rally, which starts at 1 p.m. Oct. 11 under the Picasso statue. If you still hope to go to D.C. for the march and want a ride, Join the Impact is arranging buses from Chicago. Visit jointheimpactchicago.com to buy bus tickets, \$100 round-trip.



End of an era

After 80 years, Kiddieland in Melrose Park will close Sunday. The amusement park, Chicagoland's oldest, says it is expecting packed lots and capacity crowds for its final weekend of business. Kiddieland's rides will be officially "retired" at a private ceremony Oct. 4, when fans who paid up to \$200 a seat in an auction will take a final turn on their favorite rides. **WILLIAM DESHAZER/TRIBUNE**

U. of I. president resigning

Embattled University of Illinois President B. Joseph White has told trustees he will step down at the end of the year.

In a letter to the board Wednesday, White said he will resign effective Dec. 31 but plans to remain involved with the university through fundraising and teaching.

White, 62, has served as president of the university since January 2005 but has been dogged the last several months by an admissions scandal.

In his letter, White said the effective date of his resignation "means I will forgo the retention incentive earned over the last four years which otherwise would have been due on Feb. 1, 2010."

The incentive pay would have amounted to \$475,000. White made \$450,000 a year as president, and will continue to be paid around \$300,000

a year teaching for the university.

White had earlier informed Gov. Quinn of his decision. "I think it's time to move forward, our university to continue to move on," the governor said.

"I think President White is doing what's best for the university, and I think the people of Illinois are grateful to him," Quinn continued. "I commend him for taking steps necessary to move the university forward."

Quinn said the board will select an interim president "shortly" to steer the school while it conducts a search for a permanent replacement.

The Chicago Tribune revealed in May that U. of I. had a shadow admissions system for well-connected students that allowed applicants sponsored by trustees, lawmakers and others to be admitted over more qualified students.

Dogfighting ring raided at day-care home

Cook County sheriff's police said they seized nine mutilated and abused dogs this week from a dogfighting ring operating out of a Maywood day-care home.

"Kids were playing on a swing set just 10 feet away from a vicious fighting dog and blood-stained floors," Sheriff Tom Dart said while cuddling a puppy taken during the raid.

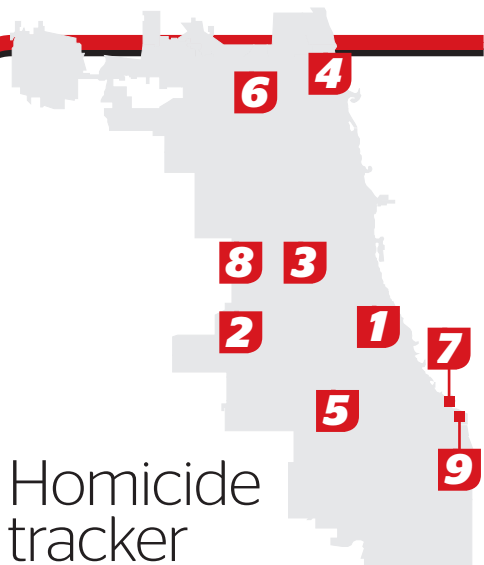
"The very equipment used to train these dogs to kill was being kept in the garage right behind the house. To be engaged in this sort of activity is disturbing enough, but to take a chance with anybody's

children is reprehensible."

The sheriff's office said the day-care operator insisted she was not involved in dogfighting, and maintained children were never near the dogs or dogfighting equipment.

Child welfare officials said they made four visits to the home since 2006 and found the dogs locked in the garage away from the children.

But after Tuesday's raid, the woman voluntarily gave up her license to run a day care, according to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.



By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Chicago saw two double homicide cases this week—one in North Lawndale and one in Albany Park.

A couple was found shot to death Tuesday night in the 2200 block of South Kildare Avenue, according to information from the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office. This was the first double homicide case in North Lawndale this year, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

Meanwhile, Albany Park this week saw its third double homicide case of the year, RedEye found.

A 19-year-old woman and a 24-year-old man were shot to death Monday in the 3500 block of West Sunnyside Avenue.

Albany Park has seen eight homicides so far this year, the most of any community area on the Northwest Side.

Citywide, Chicago police have recorded 27 homicides so far this month, including an auto crash in which a driver was charged with reckless homicide. Police logged 54 homicides in September 2008. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

Homicides from Sept. 16 to 4 p.m. Wednesday (Note: The 2200 S. Kildare location and the 3500 W. Sunnyside location had two victims; all the other sites had one victim.)

- 1 4700 BLOCK OF S. FORRESTVILLE AVE.**
Date: Sept. 18 Cause: Gunshot
- 2 4900 BLOCK OF S. KILDARE AVE.**
Date: Sept. 19 Cause: Gunshot
- 3 2200 BLOCK OF S. DAMEN AVE.**
Date: Sept. 19 Cause: Auto crash
- 4 1100 BLOCK OF W. BERWYN AVE.**
Date: Sept. 19 Cause: Stabbing
- 5 8100 BLOCK OF S. GREEN ST.**
Date: Sept. 19 Cause: Gunshot
- 6 3500 BLOCK OF W. SUNNYSIDE AVE.**
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Outshining Knut?

1 Giovanna (above), the new companion of Berlin's favorite polar bear, Knut, has star quality as well. The female polar bear from Munich delighted photographers and visitors at the Berlin zoo Wednesday by plunging into her pool for a swim while exploring her outside enclosure for the first time—but without Knut. **AP PHOTO**

Report: Ice shrinkage fast

New satellite information shows that ice sheets in Greenland and western Antarctica continue to shrink faster than scientists thought. In some places ice already is in runaway melt mode, according to a paper published online Thursday in the journal *Nature*.

Slain family not shot

2 A sheriff said Wednesday that autopsies on five members of a family found slain in their central Illinois home revealed that none of the victims had been shot, but he refused to reveal the cause of death.

Hope Diamond naked

3 Long rumored to carry a curse, the famed and feared Hope Diamond is on display au naturel. The world's largest blue diamond went on public display Wednesday at the Smithsonian, for the first time without its ornate setting.

Deadly chimney collapse

4 A news report says a chimney has caved in at a power plant being constructed in central India, killing at least 12 people and trapping many others. The Press Trust of India news agency says 70 people are feared trapped under the rubble.

'Girls' founder plea deal

5 "Girls Gone Wild" founder Joe Francis (right, in L.A. on Wednesday) has agreed to plead guilty to filing false tax returns and will avoid further jail time in a tax case that spanned two states and several years, court filings show.



Poll: 1 in 3 Mexicans would move to the U.S.

6 **MEXICO CITY** Mexicans are overwhelmingly unhappy with the direction of their country, and one in three would immigrate to the U.S. if they could, a Pew Research Center survey said Wednesday.

Of those in the poll who said they would like to migrate, more than half said they would be willing to do so illegally.

The poll of 1,000 people in Mexico found crime, government corruption and illegal drugs are major problems.

Seventy-eight percent of those surveyed said they are unhappy about Mexico's direction.

Nearly all of those polled—94 percent—said corrupt political leaders are a big problem.

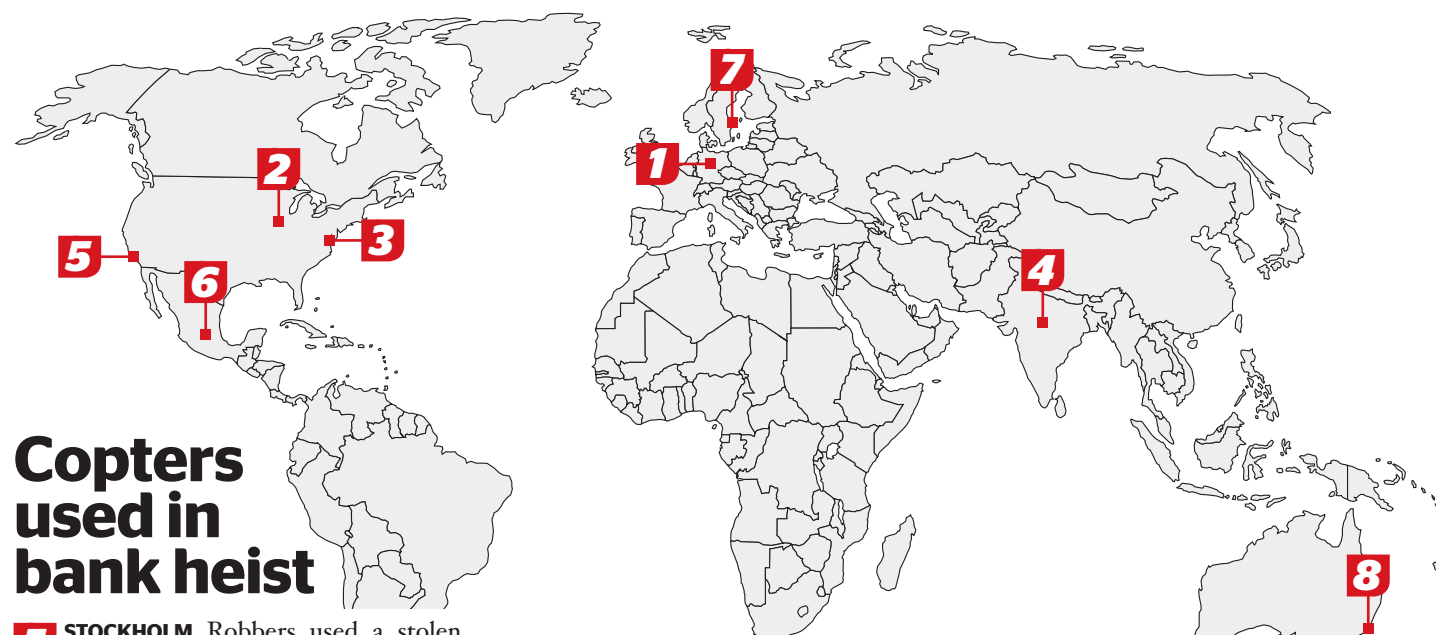
Still, 68 percent held favorable opinions of President Felipe Calderon, 83 percent said they supported using the Mexican army to fight drug traffickers and 76 percent approved of the government's handling of the spring swine flu outbreak.

The survey revealed close ties between Mexico and the U.S., with 39 percent of those saying they have friends or relatives in the U.S.. Nearly 20 percent said they receive money from relatives living in another country.

More than half of the respondents said people who moved north to the U.S. have better lives now.

But many immigrants are losing their jobs and facing significant financial problems in the U.S. because of the recession, said Rene Magana, president of the Chicago office of the International Coalition of Mexicans Abroad.

"The American Dream is a fallacy," he said. The survey buttressed that argument. Forty percent of those interviewed said they know someone who had returned to Mexico because they could not find work in the U.S.



Copters used in bank heist

7 **STOCKHOLM** Robbers used a stolen helicopter and explosives to engineer a spectacular raid on a cash depot in Stockholm on Wednesday, breaking into the building through the roof and flying off with bags of cash, police and officials said.

The pre-dawn heist stunned police in the Swedish capital, who were unable to deploy their own helicopters because suspected explosives had been placed at their hangar.

The security company that owns the facility said thieves had made off with "an unconfirmed sum of money" and added it would offer a large reward for information leading to their arrest and the return of the loot.

Sweden has seen a series of spectacular robberies in recent years. Last year, a group of men broke into a mail processing center in Goteborg, paralyzing large parts of Sweden's second-largest city after spreading out spikes, burning cars and leaving suspected explosive devices in the center.



Dust, down under

8 **SYDNEY** A photographer takes pictures Wednesday of the Sydney Harbour Bridge after severe wind storms blew through the area, whipping up dust clouds that have engulfed Sydney and surrounding cities. **GETTY IMAGES**

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Suspended slugger apologizes for 'things that did not work out'

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE Suspended Cubs outfielder Milton Bradley apologized Wednesday for behavior that led to General Manager Jim Hendry's decision to banish him for the rest of the season.

"I chose Chicago as a free agent because I wanted to be part of finally bringing a championship to the Cubs' fans. I expected to have a great season, and I am deeply disappointed by my performance and the team's struggles," said Bradley, who signed a \$30 million, three-year contract in the off-season.

But Bradley struggled and was booed loudly at Wrigley Field while hitting .257 with 12 homers and 40 RBIs.

"I wish that I handled certain things different and I apologize for those things that did not work out for the better," he said in a statement. "The air has been cleared, and we all want to move on and look forward to better days."

Cubs manager Lou Piniella said he appreciated Bradley's comments.

"I'm happy to see that he issued the statement and apologized," said Piniella, who clashed with Bradley several times this season. "You know—put that behind us and we just go forward."

Hendry wouldn't say before the Cubs took on the Milwaukee Brewers whether the outfielder will return next year.

"We'll worry about next season when this season is over," Hendry said.

And when might Bradley and Hendry talk? "No idea," Hendry said. "Nothing to talk about now. He's home for the rest of the year."



Milton's move

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What's Bradley really worth?

Milton Bradley must go, and he's more than ready to leave after becoming perhaps the biggest free agent bust in Chicago history. The market may be thin for a \$20 million clubhouse sideshow, but all it requires is some creative thinking. To prove it, here are the Top Ten Things I'd Take in a Trade for Milton Bradley.



10 Rex Grossman

He lost us a Super Bowl, and yet he'd still be more popular than Milton on the North Side.

9 ChapStick

Jim Hendry will need something for the chapped lips he'll get from puckering up to save his job.

8 Jack Daniel's

If I were Sweet Lou, I would have gotten to know Ol' Jack pretty well this season.

7 Henry Blanco

Losing Hank White also meant losing the coolest baseball name in Chicago. I was looking for a way to get this guy back into town.

6 ShamWow

One look at the Cubs payroll and the Ricketts family will need something to soak up the tears.

5 Soriano jersey

Think of this as a long-term investment considering Soriano will be losing balls in the Chicago sun till 2014.

4 The pope's car

If I'm the Cubs, I'd make sure Aramis Ramirez scooped up this holy roller, because without him healthy, the team's chances in '10 go straight to hell.

3 Chicago poster

It'd be nice to have a reminder of what the city looked like before being billions of dollars in debt thanks to the 2016 Olympics.

2 Michael Jordan's girlfriend

Reason number 1,023 why M. Jeff's got it better than anyone else on the planet.

1 Pepto-Bismol

Only because the thought of Bradley lounging around at home collecting a \$20 million check makes me sick.

Knee-jerk reactions

Just like the rest of the world, when RedEye staffers hear the news, we have our opinions—serious or not-so-serious. Here is some of the reaction to Milton Bradley's apology.

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Hindsight is 20/20. If only we could say the same about your plate vision.



BRIAN MOORE

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It takes a man to apologize. This is a good first step—even if he only did it to make sure he stays marketable to other teams.



SUPRIYA DOSHI

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We should have paid him Monopoly money because his game—and apology—are fake.



Run it

Our Wildcat offense: Kevin Pang of CLTV's "The Cheeseburger Show" (7:30 p.m. Thursdays) and Valerie Warner of "WGN Morning News" at 5 a.m.



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1 If the Bears ran the Wildcat offense, how would it turn out?	They'd finish 9th in the Big Ten.	Forget the offense, let's see an actual bear fighting an actual wildcat.	Johnny Knox doesn't run the Wildcat, the Wildcat runs from him.	Like women running for wedding dresses at Filene's Basement.	Shouldn't they figure out how to actually run the regular offense first?
2 What late-season Chicago baseball call-up is looking impressive for the White Sox or Cubs?	Shawn Colvin and Kate Hudson.	David Patton, who went to my rival high school near Seattle (Kentridge sucks).	Impressive is not the word I'd use.	The only thing looking impressive is the hot dog stands.	What's-his-name who replaced Milton. Hell, it could be Corey Patterson and I wouldn't complain.
3 What will the tombstone read on the Cubs' season?	"Here lie the 2009 Cubs. Tried to get better on the left side and went right off the cliff."	2009 Cubs: "Honey, they're losing 13-0, let's watch 'Dancing With the Stars.'"	"Cubs S.U.K.," er, "R.I.P."	"Son of a *%#@!"	"Left the world too soon—but first they left three men on base."
4 Exhibition hockey in September is like any other exhibition game. Overpriced and worthless as a spectator sport.	... Patrick Swayze jokes. Too soon.	... regular-season hockey in December. I ain't watchin'.	... me seeing Christmas decorations up and we haven't even had Halloween.	... having your dinner appetizer for lunch. Not even on the radar, folks.
5 Now that the Bulls have re-signed Aaron Gray we can all visit 900 N. Michigan from 5 to 7 p.m. for Blogapalooza. See you there.	... I'll pop that bottle of Cristal Brut in celebration of this joyous day.	... they should let him run the Wildcat.	... we are on our way to that 10-72 season.	... we should start planning that Grant Park celebration. Right now.

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AthTweets

Sports stars have embraced Twitter, but do they score with their tweets? Let's see.



Danica Patrick
@DanicaPatrick
IndyCar driver

I cant believe I have actually been sleeping well since coming home from japan. Getting my solid 8-9 hours per night!

Dwyane Wade
@dwadeofficial
Miami Heat guard
I'm also rounding up on my 100,000 follower. When I get there i'll have a prize for that person ...



Wade

Lance Armstrong
@lancearmstrong
Cyclist
Dudes shouldn't ever type ":-)" or any version of it. Fellas, can we make that deal right now?



Armstrong

Steven Jackson
@sj39
St. Louis running back
Bout to hop in the car and head home. I think I feel like listening to Common "Be" album.



Jackson



Matt Forte
GETTY IMAGES

Running in place

LAKE FOREST The Bears like to call themselves a team that "gets off the bus running." So far, there's been no sign of that heading into Sunday's game at Seattle.

Running back Matt Forte—the focal point of the Bears' offense last season—is averaging just 2.2 yards per carry, with no runs longer than 10 yards.

"It's somewhat frustrating, but you can't get frustrated because then you start looking for holes to run through and then you miss a cut here and then you miss out on some yards," Forte said Wednesday. "So you can't get frustrated."

Players and coaches blame a lot of the early running game woes on the blitzing Green Bay and Pittsburgh did in the first two games.

"The defense made some plays on us, and it's been difficult to get to the second and third levels [of the secondary]," Forte said. "We've been struggling a little bit."

The Bears this week face a Seattle offense that runs a 4-3 formation. The Seahawks just gave up

PRACTICE REPORT

Bears defensive end Alex Brown did not practice Wednesday due to a sprained ankle. Also out were tight end Desmond Clark (rib) and linebacker Pisa Tinoisamoa. Defensive end Israel Idonije (knee) and guard Frank Omiyale (ankle) practiced on a limited basis.

207 yards rushing to San Francisco running back Frank Gore.

Coach Lovie Smith said the Bears still are a running football team.

"Some games, though, we may have to lean on the pass a little bit more like we did this past week," he added. "But we want to get the running game going each week."

The Bears (1-1) also have three new players on the offensive line this season—second-year tackle Chris Williams, guard Frank Omiyale and veteran Pro Bowl left tackle Orlando Pace.



watch dog

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It's hard to believe that a guy not even playing for the Cubs anymore is still the center of attention. I'm jealous. Here now, my TV picks.



MLB
Cubs at San Francisco
9:15 p.m. CSN
In May, I stay up late for this game. In September, we're lucky if the Cubs stay up late for it.



COLLEGE FOOTBALL
South Carolina vs. Mississippi
6:30 p.m. ESPN
Can't miss a game with the Gamecocks and a coach Houston Nutt.

WRESTLING
TNA Impact
8 p.m. Spike
TNA's female wrestlers are called Knockouts. Their photos prove they are aptly named.



» Nastia Liukin (left) Michael Johnson, Nadia Comaneci and Jackie Joyner-Kersey are among 14 Olympic gold medalists who will travel to Denmark next week in support of Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympics.

» Bobby Cox will retire as manager of the Atlanta Braves after the 2010 season, ending a career in which he guided the team to 14 consecutive postseason appearances and the 1995 World Series title.

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Amount Dallas Cowboys left tackle Flozell Adams has been fined for kicking two New York Giants in Sunday's game.

» Minnesota 8, White Sox 6

» Washington 6, Blackhawks 2

» Rockford 4, Wolves 0

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Knot-sense

From bars to brunch, soft pretzels are popping up all over town

By Heidi Moore

What's better than the classic German beer-hall combo of a pretzel and beer? The growing number of new spots and old favorites around town proffering soft pretzels on their menus. Paired with tasty dips and beer, we can't think of a better way to keep the Oktoberfest spirit going.



Hot Chocolate's pretzel
JASON LITTLE FOR METROMIX

Sweetwater

225 N. Michigan Ave., 312-698-7111

The goods: This just-opened Michigan Avenue tavern, a sibling of the Boundary in Wicker Park, serves a pair of two jumbo pretzels: roasted garlic and jalapeno (\$9.95).

The twist: The doughy duo is served in a cute metal carrier with a crock of kicky Oaxacan cheese dip.

Pair it with: Hoffbrau, a smooth, drinkable lager from Munich (\$7) with the garlic pretzel; Dos Equis (\$5.50) with the jalapeno pretzel.

Old Oak Tap

2109 W. Chicago Ave. 773-772-0406

The goods: Bagel-size, house-made soft pretzels (\$9) come three to an order at this sophisticated West Town pub.

The twist: A dipping duo—warm cheddar-stout fondue and zingy horseradish mustard sauce—appeals both indecisive eaters and opposing dip factions (the cheese saucers vs. the mustard lovers).

Pair it with: Ayinger Brau-Weisse (\$6), classic German wheat beer with spicy banana-clove notes.

Hot Chocolate

1747 N. Damen Ave., 773, 489-1747

The goods: At Mindy Segal's Bucktown dessert-and-dinner mecca, two large soft pretzels arrive with ample house-made, whole-grain mustard butter for spreading (\$11).

The twist: Before they're cooked, the traditionally shaped twists are poached in Schlenkerla Helles, a Bavarian lager with a smoky flavor that comes from exposing the malt to burning beech logs before fermentation.

Pair it with: A 22-ounce bottle of Three Floyds Munsterfest, traditional Bavarian-style Oktoberfest lager made from German noble hops (\$12).

The Rocking Horse

2535 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-486-0011

The goods: Dig into a basket of these three doughy twists from local pretzel purveyors Kim & Scott's Gourmet Pretzels (\$8): a traditional Bavarian, a "grilled cheese" pretzel stuffed (and topped) with cheddar cheese and a jalapeno cheddar-stuffed pretzel. Order early; co-owner Ryan McDonough says they "fly out of here."

The twist: The trio is served with house-made spicy brown mustard that pairs perfectly with the plain Bavarian pretzel. (Go dip-less with the jalapeno-cheddar twist. That's a flavor fail.)

Pair it with: A pint of toasty, amber-hued Bell's Oktoberfest (\$4.50).

The Publican

845 W. Fulton Market. 312-733-9555

The goods: Hit Sunday brunch at this contemporary beer hall to indulge in a dish of weisswurst, mild white sausage made from a mixture of veal and pork, served with an organic, locally made Hannah's Bretzel pretzel (\$10).

The twist: Sweet Bavarian mustard serves as the dipping sauce for your pretzel—and your sausage (hey, why not?).

Pair it with: Kulmbacher brewery's Kapuziner Weisse (white) beer (\$8). It's the classic breakfast pairing in Bavaria, explains Publican beverage director Michael McAvena. "Every brewery that has a restaurant or hotel serves weisswurst with helles (pale) weissbier."

Loft Six Ten

1332 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-904-8615

The goods: Head to this swank Wicker Park lounge for a shareable appetizer of warm soft pretzel nuggets (\$9).

The twist: Mild cheddar cheese dip with a generous dose of Guinness blended in brings to mind Oktoberfest ... in Dublin.

Pair it with: What else? A pint of Guinness (\$5) to bring out the malty stout notes in the cheese sauce.

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Rachel Silivicki dips pretzels at Hot Chocolate
JASON LITTLE FOR METROMIX

Our 5 fave pretzel-bun burgers

1. Kuma's Corner, 2900 W. Belmont Ave. 773-604-8769. The first to come to mind when we think "pretzel bun."

2. Sola, 3868 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-327-3868. Only available on select days (Thursday and Friday during lunch, Thursday and Sunday for dinner), this bacon-, pineapple- and cambozola cheese-topped burger is worth the planned trip.

3. Rockit Bar & Grill, 22 W. Hubbard St. 312-645-6000; 3700 N. Clark St. 773-645-4400. Don't let the \$19 gourmet Rockit burger distract you with promises of Kobe beef and melted brie. The basic half-pound black angus burger (\$11) is the only one here that comes on a pretzel bun.

4. Flub A Dub Chubs, 3021 N. Broadway. 773-857-6500. We're partial to the Roe, a juicy patty topped with cheddar cheese, bacon and avocado.

5. Park Grill, 11 N. Michigan Ave. 312-521-7275. Dig into this massive kobe burger on the restaurant's outdoor patio before it closes for the season on Oct. 11.

Bonus! Minis at **McDunna's** (1505 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-929-0944). This neighborhood bar recently unveiled a menu of 11 mini-burgers, served in trios on teeny pretzel buns.

best bets

By Rebecca Palmore
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'Fear'

The Neo-Futurarium, 5153 N. Ashland Ave. 773-275-5255.

Follow a guide through different rooms, where creepy performances and strange installations inspired by the works of Edgar Allen Poe are set up in the style of a haunted house. RSVP recommended. 7:30 p.m. Through Oct. 31. \$10-\$15.

Rogers Edge Dinner Crawl

Start: The Morgan at Loyola Station, 1209 W. Arthur Ave.

See what's cooking in Rogers Park and Edgewater as more than 18 spots participate in the traveling food feast, including Bananas Foster (1147 W. Granville Ave.) and Morseland (1218 W. Morse Ave.). 5 p.m. \$35. 773-508-5885.

We Back The Bid

Griffin Lounge, 326 W. Chicago Ave. 312-280-9800.

Party promoter Hamed Hashmy turns his eye toward 2016 at this benefit for World Sport Chicago. Arrive at 6 p.m. for hosted cocktails; stick around for international dance performances and DJs, starting at 8 p.m. \$10-\$20 donation.



Day of the Dead

National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th St. 312-738-1503.

Celebrated author Sandra Cisneros ("The House on Mango Street") creates a special ofrenda (altar) for the 23rd annual exhibition, "Camino a Casa," billed the largest of its type in the U.S. Opening reception at 6 p.m. Through Dec. 13.



Rib-a-Que

Moonshine, 1824 W. Division St. 773-862-8686.

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\$2 glasses of sangria, \$2 Miller Light bottles, \$3 cosmos, half-price select appetizers; 3474 N. Clark St. 773-244-8000.

BLUE LINE

\$3 red sangria pints, \$4 mojitos; 1548 N. Damen Ave. 773-395-3700.

CITYSCAPE BAR

8 p.m.: "Grey's Anatomy" Premiere Party. Watch the two-hour season premiere of the ABC medical drama. A food and drink package includes two appetizers and a bottle of wine (\$30 per couple). No cover; 350 W. Mart Center Drive Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 15th Floor. 312-836-5000.

COOBAB

\$5 mojitos, Chi Chi's Cha Cha plays live Cuban jazz 7:30-11 p.m.; 3423 N. Southport Ave. 773-528-2220.

THE DARK HORSE TAP AND GRILLE

\$1 PBR cans, \$3 SoCo Lime shots, \$15 domestic buckets; 3443 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-248-4400.

DIVISION STREET BAR & GRILL

\$5 Patron shots; 2525 W. Division St. 773-252-2233.

FION WINE & SPIRITS

Half-price glasses of wine; 426 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-549-5400.

FIVE STAR BAR

\$1.50 corn dogs, \$2.50 PBR cans; 1424 W. Chicago Ave. 312-850-2555.

THE FRANKLIN TAP

\$2 Blue Moon pints, half-price appetizers with drink purchase (after 5 p.m.); 325 S. Franklin St. 312-212-3262.

GOODBAR

\$2 domestic bottles, \$3 well drinks, \$5 Bud Light pitchers; 2512 N. Halsted St. 773-296-9700.



Fat Cat
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Metromix's top picks

ATMOSPHERE

10 p.m.: Hot Mess Thursdays. \$3 well drinks, \$5 cosmos, \$8 Bud Light pitchers, DJ Chris Eterno spins, male dancers perform. 5355 N. Clark St. 773-784-1100.

FAT CAT

7 p.m.: Dating for Nerds. Get your geek on with other smart singles, ages 21-29. Show off your skills at board games and trivia competitions. Includes one drink, themed prizes, tickets to Music Box Massacre V and more. \$20-\$25. Registration: nerdsatheart.com; 4840 N. Broadway.

GOOSE ISLAND WRIGLEYVILLE

6:30 p.m.: A Taste of Fall 2009. A benefit features beer, appetizers, a silent auction, a raffle and live music. VIP tickets (\$80) include a beer academy session with cheese pairings. \$60-\$80; 3535 N. Clark St. 773-832-9040.

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LUCKY NUMBER GRILL

9 p.m.: Festival of Flesh. A revue features burlesque, comedy, glasswalking, hoops and other variety acts. \$6; 1931 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-235-7761.

312-265-6085.

THE FIRKIN & PHEASANT

Wine Down Thursdays. \$2.50 mimosa or glass of champagne, \$3 glasses of house wine, \$5 champagne cocktails, \$12 bottles of house wine, \$15 select bottles of champagne, half-price select wines; 670 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-327-7040.

LUMEN

7 p.m.: Shorty Clothing E-Boutique Launch. View an installation piece showcasing Shorty's Rock and Roll Meets Rococo Collection and check out the

new Web site and order items at laptop stations. Includes Bacardi Dragon Berry, Grey Goose and Corzo cocktails and gift bags for the first 200 guests. \$20-\$30; 839 W. Fulton Market. 312-733-2222.

THE SPOT

7 p.m.: King Kong the Radio Show. Project 891 Theatre enacts a radio-style performance of the tale of the gorilla who escapes captivity in New York, complete with live sound effects and commercials. \$10; 4437 N. Broadway. 773-485-0924.

MATISSE

Half-price well drinks, call drinks, beer and sangria; 674 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-528-6670.

MOE'S CANTINA

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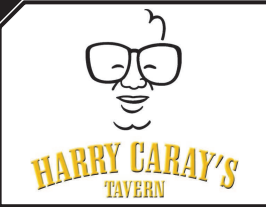
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SATURDAY

- Michigan Football**
- \$3 Bud Light Family Products
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 - \$5 Burger Baskets

SUNDAY

- Eagles Football**
- \$6 Build-Your-Own-Absolut Bloody Mary
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 - \$15 Domestic Buckets
 - \$2 Domestic Drafts
 - \$4 Well Drinks
 - \$4 Philly Cheese Steaks

 2909 N. Sheffield Ave
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SATURDAY

- Pittsburgh Football
- \$5 Bloody Marys

SUNDAY

- Redskins Football
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MONDAY

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SATURDAY

- OSU Football
- \$8 domestic drafts in 32-oz mugs
- \$6 Bloody Mary bar
- Brunch from 10am-3pm

SUNDAY

- ALL NFL action!
- \$6 Bloody Mary bar
- Brunch from 10am-3pm

MONDAY

- \$1 Tacos
- \$2.50 Bud Light bottles
- \$2.50 Coronas

 950 W. Webster Ave
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BAR & GRILLE

SATURDAY

- Official Iowa Headquarters!**
- \$30 Hawkeye Package: 22oz Domestic Drafts, Wells, Breakfast/Lunch Buffet
 - \$5 Bombs

SUNDAY

- \$15 Buckets
- \$5 Bloody's
- \$5 Bombs

MONDAY

- \$2 Drafts
- \$1 Mini Sandwiches

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Mystic Celt
SATURDAY

- \$3 Miller Lite Pints
- \$15 Coors Light Buckets
- \$4 Captain Morgan Drinks
- \$5 All Bombs & Shots
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- \$1 Mini Cheeseburgers
- \$1 Cups of Chili
- \$5 (10) Jumbo Wings

SUNDAY

- \$2.75 Miller Lite Pints
- \$14 Buckets of Corona or Corona Light
- \$6 Bloody Marys, Margaritas & Mojitos
- Food Specials
- \$1 Mini Cheeseburgers
- \$1 Cups of Chili
- \$5 (10) Jumbo Wings
- \$10.95 Brunch Buffet (until 3pm)

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SATURDAY

- Live Band Karaoke at 11PM**

SUNDAY

- \$4 Bloody Mary's, Large Pizza and a growler for \$25 (take-out only)

MONDAY

- \$3 Jim Beam shots
- \$3 PBR pints

 1927 W. North Ave
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REDEYE RAID • SAT @ 2:30PM
SATURDAY

- \$7 32oz Bud/Bud Lite OSU Souvenir mugs (refillable)
- \$3 Shiner Bock Drafts
- \$3 Bloody Mary/Mimosa Bar
- \$10 Brunch Buffet

SUNDAY

- \$3 Domestic Drafts
- \$3 Bloody Mary/Mimosa Bar
- \$3 Bombs
- \$10 Brunch Buffet

MONDAY

- \$3 Burger and Fries
- \$5 Shrimp and Chips
- \$3 All Drafts
- \$3 Bombs

**950 W. Wrightwood Ave
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REDEYE RAID • SAT @ 7PM
SATURDAY

- \$5 Bacardi Cocktails
- \$3.50 Blue Moon Drafts
- \$3 Coors Light Bottles

SUNDAY

- \$6 Bloody Marys
- \$3 Miller Bottles

MONDAY

- \$5 BBQ Baby Back Ribs with Cole Slaw and Fries
- \$10 Pitchers of Sam Adams

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- \$4 22oz Domestic Drafts
- \$5 22oz Well Drinks
- \$5 Bama Bombs
- 1/2 off appetizers

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- \$4 22oz Domestic Drafts
- \$5 22oz Well Drinks
- \$5 Dallas Star Shots
- \$4 Appetizers

**3438 N. Clark St.
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SATURDAY

- \$6 Coors Light Pitchers
- \$6 Tito's Handcrafted Bloody Mary's

SUNDAY

- \$3 Bears Cans
- \$3 Steelers Cans
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MONDAY

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY

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MONDAY

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- 25¢ Wings

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- \$4 Bloody Mary's
- \$3 Mimosas
- \$5 20oz Miller Lite / Coors Light Souvenir Bears Cups
- \$5 Breakfast Sliders
- \$5 Mini Burgers

MONDAY

- \$15 Buckets of Coors Light
- \$1 Tacos

**1925 W. Cortland St
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SATURDAY

- \$5 Makers
- \$10 pitchers
- \$7 Breakfast Stack
- \$7 Fried Chicken and Waffles

SUNDAY

- \$5 Bloody Mary's
- \$7 Mimosa Bar
- \$10 pitchers
- \$7 Breakfast Stack
- \$12 New York Strip Dinner after 6

MONDAY

- \$15 Coors Light Buckets
- \$4 20oz Guinness
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SATURDAY

- Wisconsin Football
- \$7 domestic drafts in 32-oz mug
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- Brunch from 10am-3pm

SUNDAY

- Vikings Football
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- \$5.50 Bloody Mary bar
- Brunch from 10am-3pm

MONDAY

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- Trivia

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SATURDAY

- \$5 Mimosa's
- \$5 Bloody Mary's
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SUNDAY

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- \$6 Gameday Plates

**22 W. Hubbard St
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- \$15 Miller/Coors Buckets (5 bottles)
- Brunch 11am-2pm
- \$5 Bloody Marys
- \$4 Mimosas
- \$5 Bombs

MONDAY

- \$7 Pizzas
- 1/2 Priced Appetizers 4-7pm
- \$15 Coors Light Buckets
- \$5 Bombs

**1935 N. Sedgwick St
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SATURDAY

- Notre Dame Football
- \$8 domestic drafts in 32-oz mugs

SUNDAY

- All NFL action!
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3	Burrito Pastor: \$5.50			
4	Aguas Frescas: \$3 (\$1.50 each)			
5	+ TAX: \$2.03			
6				
7	TOTAL: \$16.52			
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By M. Kathleen Pratt

Brothers Angel and Hugo Gomez, the guys behind Abuelo's Mexican Grill, know tortas. And not just because they sell seven different kinds in the storefront across from the Damen Pink Line "L" stop in Heart of Chicago (that's the neighborhood just west of Pilsen and east of Little Village) that they opened about six weeks ago. The brothers hail from Cuernavaca, Mexico, where tortas are paramount. The city, according to Angel, is known for having some of the best in the country.

They sell their tortas in a simple, 24-seat dining room with hardwood floors and brightly painted walls. It would be a stark setting if not for the fantastic collection of old National Geographic magazine and vintage album covers plastered over the walls, creating an intriguing juxtaposition of Antarctic penguins and 1970s Mexican pop bands in powder blue suits. Angel Gomez purchased the magazines (the set dates back to 1947), and the albums come from his family's collection; he and Hugo decorated the place themselves.

In keeping with the DIY ethic, family recipes are a big part of the formula, and almost everything here is made by hand in the tiny kitchen, including the complimentary chips and salsas (five kinds in all) and the fluffy sesame seed-encrusted bread used for tortas.

Though the fresh-baked bread is good, it's not the distinguishing element of these tortas (\$5.99 each). It's what's inside: spicy, paprika-spiked chorizo, 24-hour Negro Modelo-marinated steak, and an assortment of other super-fresh ingredients many taquerias don't stock (mixed greens instead of chopped iceberg lettuce, for example). The breaded chicken torta, dubbed La Manzanero in honor of one of Angel's favorite musicians, is a favorite, but we're partial to La Toluquena, which showcases that house-made chorizo. Vegetarians are well cared for with La Campestre, which relies on grilled yellow squash,



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portobellos, and red and green peppers for heft.

Beyond tortas, Abuelo's offers burritos, tacos, flautas, tostadas and sopes, as well as full dinners, all priced less than \$10. Among the most filling options are five burritos (\$5.50 each), including the zesty Burrito Pastor, packed tightly with spit-grilled pork, tomatoes, crunchy red cabbage, lightly pickled onions, a smear of black beans and tangy habanero dressing.

Though Abuelo's is BYOB, you'll be fine if you forget the booze. Flavored waters, or aguas frescas (\$1.50), are offered daily, with selections changing regularly—if you're lucky, you'll happen upon a day when hibiscus is available.

Desserts—all made in-house, of course—cover everything from rice pudding to tequila mousse. But the standouts are the individual tres leches cakes (\$4), served layered in cups for easy on-the-go consumption and usually available in chocolate or fruit flavors in addition to the milk- and cream-focused classic.

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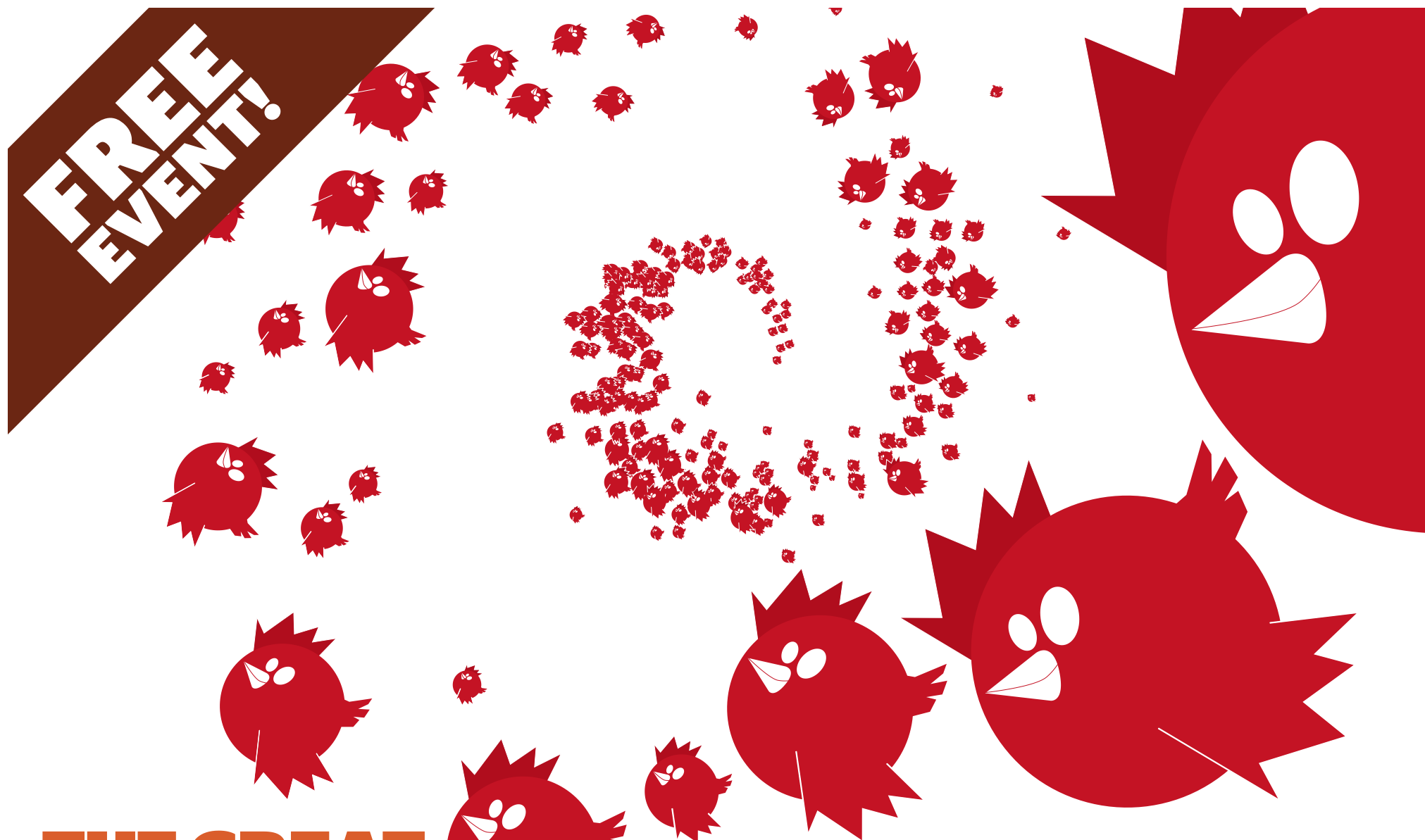
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A helmet and bike clothes

Helmets are required. Bike clothes are recommended, as loose-fitting clothes can get caught on the bike. (That said, do not be shocked if the next rider over is wearing a superhero costume or a dress. 'Cross has its irreverent side.)

A license

Annual licenses can be purchased from USA Cycling for \$60 (usacycling.org). Single-day licenses can be purchased on-site for \$10.

Entry fees

Races cost \$25 to \$30, but juniors race free. Preregister at bikereg.com to guarantee a spot and avoid a \$5 day-of-penalty.

Practice!

Dismounting and remounting are crucial skills. Tutorial videos are easy to find on the Internet. Study them, then head to a park to get it down. Once you have a smooth technique, try dismounting at speed and jumping over invisible barriers.

A place to practice

The Chicago Cyclocross Cup Web site lists public practices that include:

- » MOX Multisport, 738 W. Randolph St.: 6 p.m. Wednesdays
- » Pony Shop in James Park, Dodge Avenue and Oakton Street, Evanston: 6 p.m. Wednesdays. **TRIBUNE**

Riders hit the dust last weekend during a Chicago Cyclocross Cup race in Jackson Park.

MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE PHOTOS

**Chicago Tribune**

Ask someone about the joys of cyclocross, and with pride and loathing they'll mention the hurt.

"You can't breathe, you can't think," says Berwyn's David Pilotto, who gets up as early as 4:30 a.m. to practice with friends. "You can't really do anything without it hurting."

Cyclocross—'cross or CX for short—combines elements of mountain biking, road racing and steeplechase. A 1- to 2-mile course winds through parks and forest preserves, sending riders powering over grassy fields, twisting through wooded mazes and leaping over 40-centimeter (about 16 inches) barriers.

And? Cowbell. A lot of cowbell.

Northern Europeans long have used the sport for off-season training; it's close to the national sport in Belgium. Now 'cross is enjoying its latest wave of popularity in the U.S., and Chicago is a hotbed, as hundreds of dirt-loving mountain bikers, triathletes and road racers look to extend their fitness into winter.

Cyclocross requires technical skill to navigate difficult terrain and endurance to go all out for 30 to 60 minutes, at the end of which riders will be wheezing, wobbly wrecks.

"It's definitely the hardest type of competition I've ever done," says Lou Kuhn, owner of Evanston's Pony Shop, a bike store that spe-

cializes in cyclocross. "There's no room for letting up."

In addition to man-made barriers, obstacles such as streams, hills and sand pits force riders to dismount and carry their bikes, clutching them like giant suitcases or slinging them over their shoulders. Then they must leap back to their saddles as smoothly and quickly as possible.

Crashes are part of the spectacle, but they occur at much lower speeds than in road racing, and one typically lands in grass or dirt, not unforgiving pavement. And if the weather cooperates, there will be mud: messy, slippery, treacherous, glorious mud.

"I fall a lot in the mud," Leah Sanda of Western

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Springs says, “which is sort of like the different stages of grief. First time I get so mad; I’m spitting mad. Then I want to cry and I’m in tears. And then at some point, I start laughing.”

Sanctioned races in Chicago were rare until volunteers organized the Chicago Cyclocross Cup in 2004, starting with four races its first season. Prior to that, says Joe Doyle, the Cup’s first director, enthusiasts would travel hours for races in neighboring states or throw unofficial “bandit” races in local parks.

Now the Cup has grown to 10 races and comes off a breakout year in 2008, with individual races seeing 20 percent to 35 percent growth over 2007. Organizers expect even more par-

ticipation in 2009.

The season started Sunday with a record turnout in Jackson Park and runs almost weekly through the state championships on Dec. 6 at Montrose Harbor, where racers should expect the additional obstacles of frigid weather and snow.

For as hard and humbling as it can be, cyclocross can engage athletes of all levels and experience.

“There’s room for everybody,” Kuhn says. “The scene’s not as intimidating as some other places, like the track or road races. The scene is more comfortable for people to get into and start out and not be so nervous.”

BE A GOOD ‘CROSS FAN

Find a cowbell

Any noisemaker will do—horns, drums, yelling—but the cowbell is the ‘cross accessory of choice.

Find a bigger cowbell

Seriously, you can do better than that. “The rowdier and noisier [fans] can be, the better,” Leah Sanda says. “It totally amps you up.”

Stroll and find a good spot

Sand pits are ideal vantage points: Most riders will carry their bikes through them, but stronger athletes will try to gain a few seconds by riding through.

Other spots to look for are muddy corners,

barriers and any challenging terrain. Then when the race comes to a close, scurry to the finish to catch any dramatic sprints.

Alert your favorite riders of their position

The races can get chaotic, especially once the leaders start to lap slower riders, and some oxygen-deprived riders won’t know whether they’re in 10th place or 40th place, so pay close attention and shout out positions.

Heckling is allowed

Feel free to badger your friends for going so slow. Be the Mickey to their Rocky. They’ll thank you for it later. Probably. **TRIBUNE**



One of the louder and rowdier fan contingents, the Chicago Cuttin’ Crew brings couches and bullhorns to races.

THE CYCLOCROSS LOWDOWN

How cyclocross races work

Races last between 30 and 60 minutes, depending on ability level. After a few laps, officials will time how long the laps are taking, do some math and display a countdown at the start/finish area. When there’s only one lap left, officials will ring a bell. (Thus the final lap is known as “the bell lap.”)

Categories and age groups

Each racer is assigned a category based on ability and experience. Beginners start in Category 4, with Category 1 reserved for the best of the best. (Rules for upgrading can be found at **usacycling.org**.)

To accommodate current popularity, Chicago race organizers divide the men’s Category 4 into two races: 4B for absolute novices, 4A for those with previous ‘cross or other racing experience.

“Masters” races are organized by age group: 30 and older, 40 and older, 50 and older. Ambitious riders thus can race twice in a given day, but this is no geezer parade. Masters races are very fast and competitive.

The flow of the race

Other than “go as fast as you can” and “try not to crash,” there is not much tactical know-how that beginners require.

The beginning of a race can be the most pivotal and the most frantic. Dozens of riders will explode from the start line in a mad scrum for the first corner—known as the “hole shot”—as racers vie for an advantageous position at the front.

The first 10 minutes will be intense.

“I’ve never started a ‘cross race and not felt like I was over my head within the first two minutes,” racer and shop owner Lou Kuhn says. “You always feel like you’re absolutely not going to be able to maintain that pace. But things always tend to slow down—relax and settle into a groove.”

Soon the race will stretch out, and racers will be riding single-file. From here it’s a series of personal, mano-a-mano battles: One must claw forward and pass the next rider, all the while staying off the rival pursuing from behind.

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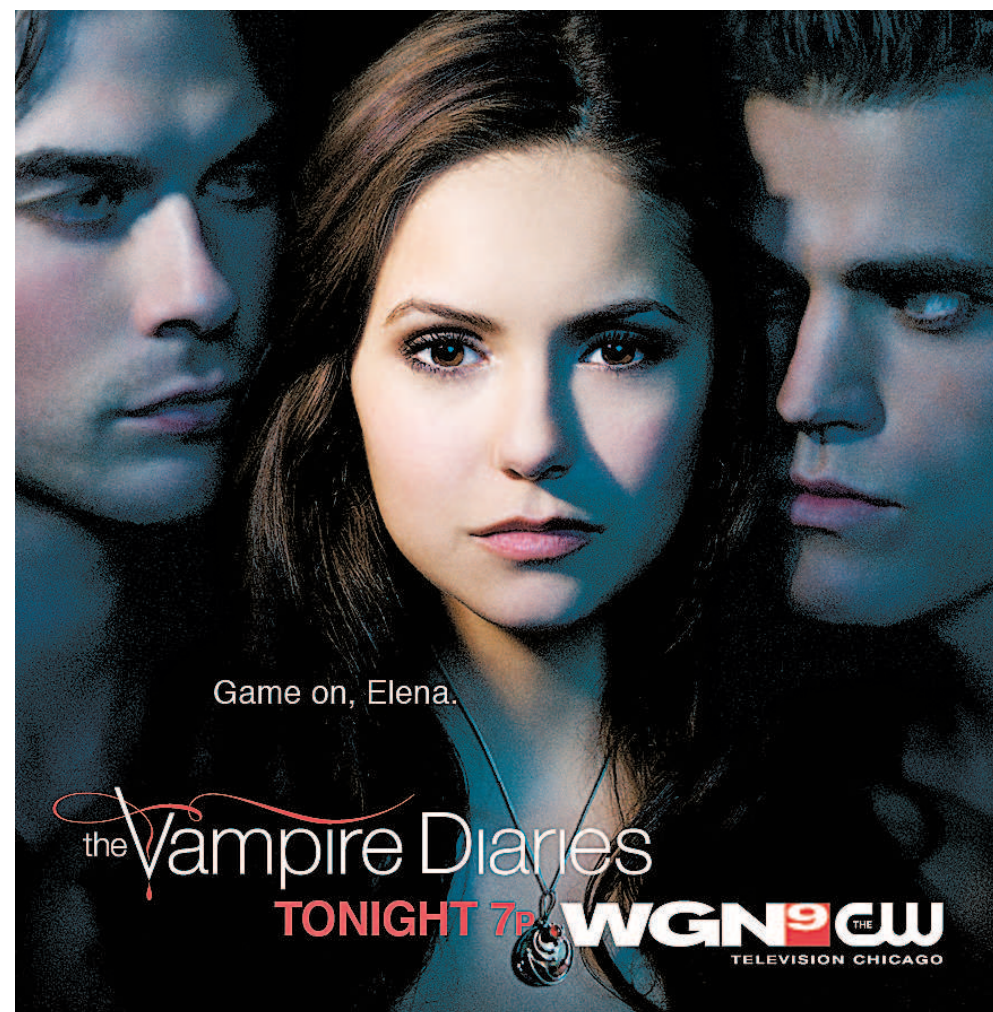
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Thursday night show overload

My DVR just might explode Thursday night.

Actually, I think I need to hook up a second DVR; there is just too much good TV on at the same time.

I'm already committed to "Bones" and "Fringe" on Fox, plus the NBC comedy lineup (excluding "The Jay Leno Show") and "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" on FX. I'd like to watch "Grey's Anatomy" on ABC along with "CSI" and "The Mentalist" on CBS, not to mention "The Vampire Diaries" and "Supernatural" on The CW.

ABC launches another must-see at 7 p.m. Thursday with its sci-fi thrill ride "FlashForward" (see review). And "30 Rock" returns on Oct. 15.

Argh. What's a couch potato to do?

Thursday nights always have been the major battlefield among the networks, and that doesn't change this year. I probably won't spring for another DVR, and I don't watch much of anything live because of general dislike of commercials, so I'm planning in two categories: DVR recording, watching online or hoping for repeats. Here's my plan to survive (and no, I don't even watch "Survivor" on CBS).



7 P.M.

DVR: "FlashForward" and "Bones"
Online: "Parks and Recreation" and "Community" (when it moves to 7 p.m. Oct. 8)

Sunday repeats: "The Vampire Diaries" on WGN (if there isn't a Cubs game)



8 P.M.

DVR: "Fringe" and "Supernatural"
Online: "The Office" and "30 Rock" (when it debuts Oct. 15)



9 P.M.

DVR: "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" and "The Mentalist"

Grey's Anatomy

8 p.m.
Thursday, ABC

George is dead, and the folks at Seattle Grace really need some Prozac. Or maybe I do.



So there it is, for what it's worth. Maybe my plan can help you plan. I decided that I can catch up on "CSI" some year because it plays in syndication constantly. I've given up on "Grey's Anatomy" because, to be honest, I don't need to be crying every Thursday night. And that show has gotten depressing (see review).



Fiennes
ABC

FlashForward

7 p.m. Thursday, ABC

What happened when everyone on Earth passed out for 2 minutes, 17 seconds? That's the question bugging FBI agent Mark Benford (Joseph Fiennes), who wakes from his inexplicable nap to find L.A. in ruins, his partner (John Cho) freaked out and

his doctor wife (Sonya Walger) not answering her cell phone. When things settle down, Benford realizes that during the blackout nearly all of mankind had visions of a precise moment six months in the future: 10 p.m. April 29, 2010. Uh, oh. "FlashForward" delivers a twisty mystery involving time manipulation, numerology, creepy bad guys and even animals roaming around in odd places. Its smart plot, awesome acting and epic effects will remind you of "Lost." I say bring it on; I'm ready to take another bizarre ride.

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Want longer lashes? Check out the ones Molly Sims (above) sports in this new Funny Or Die video. It spoofs Brooke Shields' commercials for the real product, Latisse, and FDA-approved prescription treatment for "inadequate" eyelashes. In the spoof, Sims says she used Lashisse for 16 weeks and her lashes grew so much that they wrapped around her head. Andrea Savage's lash falls off and walks away. "Lashisse is an unnecessary prescription used to grow lashes, for women concerned with a part of their appearance no one else notices," a warning reads in the spoof. **LEONOR VIVANCO, REDEYE**

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Associated Press

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That's just one of many options passengers may not know they have to make their air travel experience more comfortable. Here are some others you should know about.

1 Airport VIP lounges are not restricted to just members. Several airlines offer one-day or monthly passes. If your flight is delayed and you have a long wait, check out one of the lounges, which offer a comfortable atmosphere, Internet access, drinks and snacks.

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3 You don't have to pay big bucks to fly in business class. Several airlines offer deeply discounted rates on upgrades to business class on the day of travel if there are seats in the front cabin still available. Members of airline frequent-flier programs can use miles or flight credits to upgrade from coach to business class.

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6 Traveling doesn't have to be a hassle. If you fly at off-peak times like in the early morning hours or on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Saturdays, flights are less full, and often the lines at security are much shorter.

7 Speeding through security is easy if you pack certain items in your carry-on bags before reaching a checkpoint. Alaska Airlines' in-flight training manager stores his belt, wallet and metal items in his briefcase. According to the airline, he no longer carries a laptop.

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- Gamer (R) 2:25, 5:10, 7:50
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- Inglourious (R) 2:40, 5:10, 9:20
- Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
- Jennifer's Body (R) 2:10, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10
- Whiteout (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45
- 9 (PG-13) 1:05, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45, 9:50
- Final Destinatin (R) 1:10, 3:15, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50
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- What's (NR) 6:15, 8:15
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- The Hurt Locker (R) 2:15, 6:00, 8:30
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MUSIC BOX

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- No Impact Man (NR) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
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- Paranormal Act (R) 11:59 P.M.

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

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- AMC Select Paper Heart (PG-13) 2:20, 7:20
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- The Ugly Truth (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00
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- Fame (PG) 12:01 A.M.
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- Love Happens (PG-13) 11:00, 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
- Sorority Row (R) 11:40, 2:30, 5:15, 8:05, 10:45
- I Can Do Bad (PG-13) 11:30, 1:25, 4:25, 5:25, 7:25, 8:25, 10:25, 11:30
- Gamer (R) 12:40, 6:05, 11:20
- Extract (R) 11:25, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
- Inglourious (R) 11:10, 2:45, 6:20, 9:50
- Inglourious (R) 12:10, 3:45, 7:20, 10:40
- Surrogates (PG-13) 12:01 A.M.
- Eureka Seven (NR) 7:30 P.M.
- The Informant! (R) 11:15, 1:00, 2:20, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00
- Jennifer's Body (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) ♦ 11:05, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30
- Whiteout (R) 5:10, 7:45, 10:35
- AMC Select Septembr Issue (PG-13) 11:35, 2:05, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45
- 9 (PG-13) 11:45, 1:10, 2:10, 3:40, 4:35, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30
- All About Steve (PG-13) 12:55, 3:20
- Final Destinatin (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
- Time Traveler (PG-13) 3:15, 8:30
- District 9 (R) 1:15, 4:10
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) 11:20, 2:20, 5:20, 8:20
- AMC Select 500 Days-Sum (PG-13) 1:05, 3:30, 6:10, 8:40, 11:15

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) ★ 12:10, 12:40, 2:30, 3:00, 4:50, 5:20, 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00
- Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) ★ 1:15, 3:40, 6:15, 8:45
- Jennifer's Body (R) ★ 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15
- Love Happens (PG-13) ★ 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15
- The Informant! (R) ★ 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05
- Sorority Row (R) ★ 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30

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CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)

- I Can Do Bad (PG-13) ★ 12:30, 3:20, 6:20, 9:00
- Whiteout (R) ★ 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50
- 9 (PG-13) 1:20, 3:50, 6:05, 8:15, 10:35
- All About Steve (PG-13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45
- Extract (R) 2:15, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10
- Gamer (R) 9:55 P.M.
- Halloween II (R) 2:50, 5:30, 8:00, 10:45
- Final Destinatin (R) 12:20, 2:40, 5:15, 8:10, 10:20
- Inglourious (R) 2:45, 6:10, 9:40
- District 9 (R) 12:40, 3:30, 6:30, 9:10
- Time Traveler (PG-13) 1:10, 3:45, 6:40, 9:15
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 6:50

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- Eureka Seven (NR) ★ 7:30 P.M.
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) ★ 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- Love Happens (PG-13) ★ 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
- The Informant! (R) ★ 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:45, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15
- 9 (PG-13) 1:40, 3:50, 6:05, 8:15, 10:30
- Extract (R) 2:10, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
- Inglourious (R) 12:10, 3:40, 7:15, 10:25
- District 9 (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:40, 10:25
- Time Traveler (PG-13) 1:00 P.M.
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 10:10
- The Hangover (R) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30, 10:30

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) ★ 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) ★ 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
- Jennifer's Body (R) ★ 1:00, 3:40, 6:30, 9:00
- The Informant! (R) ★ 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
- Sorority Row (R) ★ 1:20, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15
- I Can Do Bad (PG-13) ★ 1:10, 1:40, 2:15, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 6:40, 7:10, 7:40, 9:20, 9:50, 10:15
- Whiteout (R) ★ 1:50, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
- 9 (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 6:05, 8:15, 10:30
- Gamer (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:45
- Halloween II (R) 2:00, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
- Final Destinatin (R) 12:40, 3:30, 6:20, 8:40
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 12:30, 3:20, 6:15, 9:30

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak
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- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) ★ 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) ★ 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
- Jennifer's Body (R) ★ 1:00, 3:40, 6:30, 9:00
- The Informant! (R) ★ 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
- Sorority Row (R) ★ 1:20, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15
- I Can Do Bad (PG-13) ★ 1:10, 1:40, 2:15, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 6:40, 7:10, 7:40, 9:20, 9:50, 10:15
- Whiteout (R) ★ 1:50, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
- 9 (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 6:05, 8:15, 10:30
- Gamer (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:45
- Halloween II (R) 2:00, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
- Final Destinatin (R) 12:40, 3:30, 6:20, 8:40
- District 9 (R) 12:30, 3:20, 6:15, 9:30

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- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) ★ 12:00, 2:05, 4:10, 6:15, 8:20
- Love Happens (PG-13) ★ 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
- The Informant! (R) ★ 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50
- Whiteout (R) ★ 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
- 9 (PG-13) ★ 12:05, 2:00, 3:55, 5:50, 7:45, 9:40
- Inglourious (R) 12:00, 3:05, 6:10, 9:15
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30

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- Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) ★ 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) ★ 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- Eureka Seven (NR) ★ 7:30 P.M.
- Final Destinatin (R) ★ 12:10, 5:00, 10:10
- Jennifer's Body (R) ★ 12:10, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30
- Love Happens (PG-13) ★ 11:35, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
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- District 9 (R) 12:40, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00
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- Inglourious (R) 1:50, 5:15, 8:40
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
- My One and Only (PG-13) 2:25, 7:45
- Septembr Issue (PG-13) ★ 11:45, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35
- Sorority Row (R) ★ 12:05, 2:55, 5:20, 7:55, 10:25
- Taking Woods. (R) 11:40, 4:55, 10:20
- I Can Do Bad (PG-13) ★ 11:25, 12:50, 2:05, 3:30, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05
- Whiteout (R) ★ 2:30, 7:40

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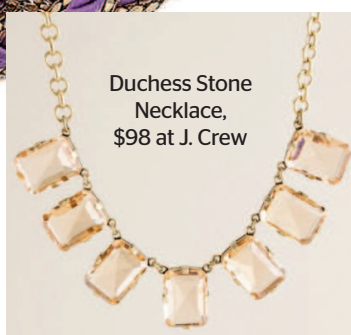


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ACROSS

- 1 Fast plane
- 4 Years
- 9 Finest
- 13 Allies' WWII foe
- 15 Fountain order
- 16 Arm bone
- 17 Celebration
- 18 Communion plate
- 19 Piece of concrete
- 20 Cruel
- 22 Touches lightly
- 23 Gloomy
- 24 Sick
- 26 One of thirteen on a U.S. flag
- 29 Atmosphere of a place
- 34 Golf clubs
- 35 Expand
- 36 Generation
- 37 Pineapple brand
- 38 Weight discloser
- 39 Gorillas
- 40 Actress Arden
- 41 Separated
- 42 Scenic picture
- 43 Give a detailed account of
- 45 Sent
- 46 Barnyard layer
- 47 Outer coating
- 48 pop
- 51 Formal withdrawal
- 56 Singles
- 57 Mohawk or Cherokee
- 58 Soften up due to warmth
- 60 Teenage spots
- 61 Go in
- 62 Exclamation of fear or alarm
- 63 Door openers
- 64 Spins
- 65 Cereal grain

DOWN

- 1 Coughing spell
- 2 Test
- 3 Usually square floor piece
- 4 Have high hopes
- 5 Blackboard pen
- 6 Despise
- 7 out a living; gets by
- 8 Rational
- 9 To-do
- 10 Fitzgerald of soul
- 11 Metal fastener
- 12 Small flaps
- 14 Fish in a can
- 21 Berets & tams
- 25 "Abner"
- 26 with; supported
- 27 Treasure chest
- 28 Acting parts
- 29 Conscious
- 30 Liquefy
- 31 India's neighbor
- 32 Thin pancake
- 33 Alleviated
- 35 Strike breaker
- 38 Old maid
- 39 Characteristic of grapefruit that can bring on heartburn
- 41 "Blessed _ the meek..."
- 42 Without
- 44 Runs after
- 45 Stingy people
- 47 Refuse to obey
- 48 up; absorb
- 49 " _ upon a time..."
- 50 Refuse to admit
- 52 White-tailed eagle
- 53 Refer to
- 54 Columbus, _
- 55 Wine-growing valley in CA
- 59 Damp

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Khloe Kardashian
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Kongrats, Khloe!

We've got to hand it to Khloe Kardashian. It can't be easy having fame-seeking Kim "I dumped Reggie Bush" and Kourtney "Guess what—I'm pregnant!" as sisters. What's a girl gotta do to get a little attention? Announce a quickie wedding to an L.A. Laker? Yep, that'll do. Khloe and Lakers forward Lamar Odom have been dating only a couple of weeks, but Hollywood started buzzing last weekend that wedding bells were in the duo's immediate future. Since then, details have been steadily trickling in about the not-so-top-secret event, supposedly happening Sunday. Have you been paying attention? Take RedEye's Khloe Kwiz to test your celebri-knowledge of the latest rumors. **ARIEL ALEXOVICH, REDEYE**

1. Where was their first date?

- a) L.A. club Halo
- b) The Santa Monica pier
- c) Kobe Bryant's basement

2. Where's the wedding going to be?

- a) At a hotel near Khloe and Kourtney's Miami pad
- b) At Bruce and Kris Jenner's home
- c) At the home of music mogul Irving Azoff

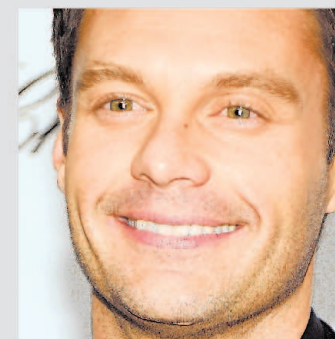
3. Who's NOT on the guest list?



a) Heidi Montag



b) Kathie Lee Gifford



c) Ryan Seacrest

4. Where are Khloe and Lamar registered?

- a) Williams-Sonoma
- b) Crate & Barrel
- c) Everything's \$1

5. What did Khloe NOT register for?



a) Avocado slicer and pitter



b) A dozen premium martini glasses



6. What's the rush?

- a) Khloe's pregnant
- b) They want to be hitched before the NBA season starts
- c) So E! can air a new show "Khloe and Lamar: A Love Story" during fall sweeps

- c) Margaritaville "frozen concoction maker"

Answers:
1. A; 2. C; 3. A;
4. A; 5. B; 6. B
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red hot

Shock author Tucker Max is coming to the Windy City on Friday to promote "I Hope They Sell Beer in Hell," a film based on his best-selling body of fratire. Max, a University of Chicago alum, says one of the hot spots he'll hit is the Wiener's Circle in Lincoln Park, but don't expect to spot him on the CTA. Last week, the agency yanked "Beer" ads off the system after customer complaints about tag lines, including "blind girls never see you coming."

"I had no idea so many people would have such a bad sense of humor," Max told RedEye about the CTA situation. "I can understand if you want to say a joke is tasteless, but I'm clearly not endorsing violence against the blind. It was a clear double entendre."

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THE VELVET ROPE



Acting natural

Celebrity DJ Samantha Ronson is testing out the acting world, but don't expect her to drop her mixing equipment to do it. **People.com** reports the on-and-off girlfriend of Lindsay Lohan is set to guest star in an episode of "90210" as—you guessed it—a DJ. Ronson's episode is slated to appear on The CW on Nov. 3.



Ready ... set ... Blago

He's done "The View." He's done "Jimmy Kimmel Live." Heck, he's done just about any talk show that will have him to promote his new book. Now former Gov.

Rod Blagojevich is heading to Jon Stewart's stage. Check out the interview at 10 p.m. Thursday on Comedy Central.



K-fit?

Kevin Federline is getting real about his weight gain. The former Mr. Britney Spears—and formerly toned professional dancer—has joined the cast of VH1's "Celebrity

Fit Club," **people.com** reports. Federline's (pre-Spears) ex, Shar Jackson, also is expected to join the cast, the site reports. The seventh season premieres on Valentine's Day.



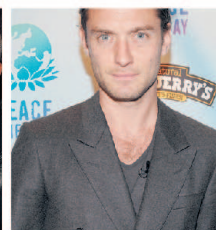
Travolta testifies

John Travolta said Wednesday in Nassau, Bahamas, that he performed CPR unsuccessfully on his seizure-prone son, Jett, before the 16-year-old

died in the family vacation home during testimony in the trial of two people accused of trying to blackmail the movie star, The Associated Press reported. The judge dismissed Travolta but said he would be called back later for further testimony.



1. Ellen Pompeo and Chris Ivery



2. Jude Law and Samantha Burke



3. Sarah Michelle Gellar and Freddie Prinze Jr.

Name game

Three famous celeb pairs confirmed new arrivals Wednesday, according to **people.com** and The Associated Press. Can you match the baby name to the parents?

- A. Stella Luna, a girl
- B. Charlotte Grace, a girl
- C. Name undisclosed, girl

ANSWERS: 1. A, 2. C, 3. B

THE DIGIT

Oct 8.

That's the air date for Jim and Pam's wedding on "The Office," an hourlong special, according to TV Guide.